

House Resolution No. 4341

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shipley, treasured residents of Washington, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on June 7, 2008, with a festive celebration and dinner held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Washington; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on June 4, 1958, Ray Shipley and Mary Tobben began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Monsignor George J. Hildner at St. John's Gildehaus Church; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Ray and Mary Shipley have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Shipley provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as an auto mechanic for many years, while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the ECC Advisory Board and the Knights of Columbus; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Shipley enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a production manager in shipping and receiving, and through various activities for the Knights of Columbus, her church, and the local school district; and

Whereas, Ray and Mary Shipley attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their five children, Dan Shipley, Connie Shipley, Lorraine Shipley, Laurie Shipley, and Jerry Shipley; their daughter-in-law, Linda Shipley; and their four grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in a thunderous round of applause for Ray and Mary Shipley upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shipley.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Nieves
District No. 98

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4341, adopted October 9, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker